Damage to Telephone Booths in Kerala

519. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received reports of gross abuse and damage to public telephone booths, coin boxes etc. in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed by the Government in this regards?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise. Prompt action is taken by the department to rectify any damage to PCO equipments, as and when necessary.

New Telephone Directories in Metro-Cities

520. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telephone Directories have not been supplied to the subscribers by the MTNL for the last two years in Metro-cities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to supply the latest directory?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. In Delhi, last main directory was supplied in August, 1989 and Supplementary directory was supplied in August 1990. In Bombay, last main directory was supplied in August 1988 followed by Number Change Supplement in January 1989. Thereafter, Alphabetical Supplement updated upto 1.5.89 was distributed in November 1989 followed by Alphabetical Supplement No.II updated upto 10th December 1990 in March 1991.

(b) The main reason for delay is the failure of the contractor for supply of directories. According to him, the Company has suffered heavy losses on account of price rise in paper and other materials and labour.

(c) The Contract is being revived to bring out the main Directory for Bombay and Delhi within the next six months.

[*Translation*]

Land Acquired for B.S.F. of Tre in Hazaribagh

521. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of land acquired for Border Security Force Meru in district Hazaribagh, Bihar;

(b) the additional area of land proposed to be acquired by the Government for the expansion of the said Border Security Force; and

(c) whether compensation has been paid for the land acquired so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The details are given in the Annexure.

(b) A proposal to acquire additional land measuring 61.72 acres at Hazaribagh is being considered by the BSF.

(c) The details are given in the statement.